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## Oil Was Discovered in Irma Field Over 35 Years Ago According to Geological Report

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When we asked in last week's Times who discovered Oil in the Irma district, we thought we would find some homesteader claiming the honor. Several have told us how as far back as thirteen years ago they had seen heavy seepages of oil in the springs along Grattan Coulee. No doubt many of these homesteaders thought at the time they first seen these seepages that they were the first people to see them.

In looking up Governmental and other reports, we find that long before Irma was considered practically as far from civilization as the new oil fields of the north is now. Before there was any thought of transcontinental railway passing through the district, Dr. Dawson, a noted explorer and geologist had discovered what he considered a very important oil bearing anticline. This was subsequently explored by J.B. Dowling and F. Dowling in '86. This anticline is shown on Geological map of Alta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, marked map 55A issued 1913. No doubt all of these men were attracted by the seepages along the Grattan Coulee and Battle River. Other geologists have explored the district but we believe Mr. Chas. E. Taylor, of Edmonton, probably has given the district greater attention than any other geologist. That Mr. Taylor knows his profession very thoroughly can not be denied, as he is producing manager of one of the biggest oil companies in Canada, The Imperial Oil Co. During the drilling of the first well in the district by the Grattan Oil Co. in 1914-15 on section 4-45-8 w4th, he spent most of his time watching the formation and keeping the log of the well. The log of this well is shown in the geological report Dept. of Mines of 1916 on page 121 as follows:

Log of well near Irma, supplied by Mr. Chas. Taylor, of Edmonton:

	Feet	Feet
Drift	0	25
Soft gray sandy clay	25	107
Blue sandstone and fossils	107	109
Gray shale bands of blue sandstone, shells	109	134
Dark shales, coal seams	134	140
Dark shales	175	177
Blue sandstone shells	177	192
Brown clay	192	200
Light gray sandstone, carbonaceous	200	210
Light gray sandstone with clay	210	215
Dark gray shale	215	230
Gray shale	230	300
Gray sand	300	342
Gray shale, a two foot hard shell	342	377
Gray shale	377	520
Hard shell	520	522
Gray shale	522	552
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Gray shale with hard shells at 645, 750, 850, and 960 feet	645	960
Oil at	1215	
Lime shell	1345	1353
Gray shell	1353	1405
Hard shell	1405	1410
Gray shale oil at 1582	1410	1582
Gray shale	1582	1620
Gray bottom at	1620	
Gas at	192	
Water at	270	
Water and oil at	300	
Oil at	1205 and 1582	
Gas 5000,000 cubic feet per day, 500 lbs. pressure at	1620	
Belly River formation at	342	ft to bottom
Benton Formation	342	ft to bottom

Owing to drilling troubles the hole was abandoned at this depth.

This report states that the well was abandoned at 1620 feet on account of drilling trouble. This no doubt was very unfortunate for the district and especially for those holding leases in the near vicinity. Most of these have lost the greater part of their enthusiasm in oil, also the leases which have been cancelled. No doubt had this hole been put down another thousand feet it would have brought in a well that would have made more noise in a day than the famous Fort Norman well does in a month. In this case adjoining leases would have been worth thousands of dollars per acre but they have mostly been released to other parties by the Department of Mines, at 50cts per acre.

Since this well was abandoned the rig was moved a short distance and another well started on the same section, apparently after the first hole was abandoned there was no hurry in getting the next one down. Long delays were caused by shortage of coals, casing or tools, and very little headway was made. About the time the first hole was completed the funds of the Grattan Oil Co. appeared to become depleted and other companies of interested men appeared to be financing the project but at times cash would fail to arrive on pay day. After some time the men would generally quit work and Mr. Taylor

### GAS SEEPAGES BURN WHEN LIT BY MATCH

Fire Started in Battle River Valley By Ignition of Gas Bubbles.

A few days ago while a party of Irma residents were investigating the oil and gas seepages along the Battle River valley their attention was attracted by bubbles coming through the water. In order to see if it was gas one of the party lit a match. As soon as the flame reached within about six inches of the ground the gas ignited and set fire to the rank growth of grass. With the assistance of some wet sacks the fire was soon extinguished, but not before the parties were badly scared. The spot where this happens is a small slough with a spring from which there is a strong seepage of oil. Some two years ago this part of the Battle River Valley was visited by a prairie fire when the fire reached the slough heavy clouds of black smoke were seen which indicated that the residue from the oil seepage was burning. Near this spot is a heavy outcropping of ferruginous sandstone and fossil beds showing numerous species of oysters. No doubt that is one of the seepages referred to in reports of Dr. Dawson, J. B. Tyrell and D. B. Dowling, of the geological survey department who investigated the Battle River anticline in 1886, and showed same in the geological map of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba marked map 55A issued in 1913.

The location of the spring above referred to is on section 3 or 4-45-8 about eight miles southeast of Irma.

All the land in this district, has been leased for some time. This anticline has been traced for a hundred miles northwest of here. The same outcroppings are reported as showing at Birch Lake and at Pakan on the north Saskatchewan River. Development has been started at Birch Lake by the Tolpoy-Arnold Co., and several other companies are now let contracts or are preparing to start work between Birch Lake and the Battle River. That this is one of the coming big oil fields is believed by many geologists who have investigated the seepages and outcroppings.

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## Finding the Equilibrium

The slow and difficult process of getting the business and productive activities of the country back to a normal level, to which reference was made in this column last week, can, let it be repeated with emphasis, be only successfully accomplished through co-operation on the part of all concerned, and that means everybody. It cannot be accomplished by any one group in the State standing out and insisting on the acceptance of their own demands irrespective of the effect on others. There must be compromises, resulting in readjustments.

For one thing, it becomes increasingly evident that the Federal Government must revise their present systems and methods of levying taxation on business and productive enterprise, whether such business be agricultural production, industrial manufacturing, or commerce in its wholesale and retail departments. Present systems and methods are confusing, complicated and generally unsettling, and constitute a discouragement to enterprise, initiative and increased production. What is now required is something simple, inexpensive in operation, yet wilful capable of producing a large revenue to meet the pressing needs of the nation. Such a system is to be found, we believe, in the removal of the present taxation levies on business profits, and the introduction of a general and uniform tax on all business turnovers—that is, a small tax on gross sales in all lines of business activity.

If the Federal Government will take this step, then, all business will know exactly where it stands and can proceed to work out permanent policies with a view to expansion and increased production, thus reducing and gradually eliminating unemployment, increasing the purchasing power of the country to absorb the larger volume of commodities produced, and at the same time bringing about a reduction in prices which will place such commodities within reach of a much larger number of people.

It should be clear to all people, and especially to Governments, that the secret of national prosperity is to be found in well balanced industry. That is, that the production of every branch of industry in which people are engaged shall be in proportion to the wants and buying power of the people. In all their other occupations. In other words, a national balance between occupations in which people are engaged must be found and maintained.

An expert on economics in the United States sets forth the situation quite clearly when he says that the number of people that can be employed in any industry depends upon the amount of the products that can be sold, and that depends upon the price which the consumers have to pay for them. For any commodity there is at any given time a certain price which will secure a larger net result to the producers than any other price. That is to say, if the price be lowered the additional distribution will not compensate for the sacrifice, and on the other hand, if the price be raised the loss of distribution will exceed the gain in price. For example, there is a point where railway freight rates will produce a maximum of revenue, but, increased beyond that figure the rates charged operate to decrease the volume of freight carried so that the higher charges actually mean less revenue.

It must be borne in mind that everything that is offered for sale, whether it be an article of goods or the services of an individual or corporation is in competition, not only with like goods or service, but with all the multitude of attractions that are appealing to every consumer. Under these conditions it is folly on the part of an individual or group of individuals to think that he or they have it in their power to arbitrarily fix wages and prices for themselves. They may have the power to fix, and even maintain, wages, rates and prices, but they cannot escape the effect it will have upon employment or upon sales.

A striking example of the truth of this statement was shown in New York City last fall. The printers there wanted more wages and a board of arbitration awarded it to them, without, apparently, taking into consideration the state of the printing business and its relation to the general business situation. The result was that the wage increase, by increasing the cost of printing at a time when the public had less money to spend for printing, aggravated the situation, resulted in such a substantial decrease in work that hundreds of men were laid off, and the actual amount paid in wages was smaller and not larger than before the increase was made.

That illustrates the whole situation. It is shortsighted to be always thinking that wages are fixed by simply an agreement between employer and employee, and that the employer can either pay it out of his own pocket or pass it on to the consumer. If the consumer cannot pay, the employer will not long be able to do so, and unemployment is the inevitable result. There is a relationship between industry and all the other industries which must be taken into account and maintained.

There is also an equilibrium, a natural balance, which must be maintained between the occupations in which people are engaged. That balance must be sustained in order that the products or services of each group may be absorbed by all the other groups. When the balance is lost, unemployment results and continues until a redistribution is worked out, so that again everybody is at work and all the products are absorbed, either at home or abroad, a state which we call prosperity.

The co-operative efforts of all organizations and individuals must be directed towards finding that equilibrium in occupations, in wages, in production, in order that prosperity may be established. It can only be accomplished by concession and compromise on the part of both Capital and Labor, employer and employee.

**Bit Shy.**  
"Your hair," said the aggravating  
barber, "is coming out on top."  
"Good!" cried the sensitive victim.  
"I knew it was me. Now, for good-

ness sake don't talk to it, or it'll crawl back again."

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An inlay is a filling that is made outside of the mouth and when finished is fastened in the tooth cavity with a dental cement. The making of inlays is a very ancient process that was a lost art for many centuries. The Aztecs of old Mexico used a green stone inlay in their teeth. The green stone was not used to stop cavities as we use inlays, but was purely decorative. The Aztec nobility had fanciful designs cut in their front teeth, probably tribal marks on the order of our coat-of-arms, then the green stone was cleverly cut to fit the cavity and cemented with a very durable transparent cement. The durability of these prehistoric inlays is proved by the fact that there are in existence a number of Aztec skulls with green stones still firmly in place.

Inlays of porcelain were the first to be made in modern times. Porcelain was used because it can be made to closely approximate the color and characteristics of the natural teeth. The process of making a porcelain inlay is very difficult, but the result is so satisfactory that many are made for fillings where gold would be objectionable.

The gold inlay is now very widely used. There are many ways to make them but the object is the same, that is, to perfectly fill the cavity, to restore the original contour, and to be durable. All of these things a gold inlay does. The miniature casting that is required to make a gold inlay, is an art of modern times. Gold inlays are made with remarkable accuracy, and as they are made outside of the mouth, they are much less painful than gold fillings that must be mated into the tooth. Whether a gold inlay is better for the tooth than a gold filling that is also good is not yet decided. I would say that either one is all right.

**Stop the Cough.**—Coughing is caused by irritation in the respiratory passages and is the effort to dislodge obstructions that come from inflammation of the mucous membrane. Treatment with The English Extract Oil will allay the inflammation and in consequence the cough will cease. Try it and you will be satisfied.

### A Product Small, But Costly

Manufacturing Plant Works Whole  
Year to Produce Small Amount  
of Radium.

When the total product of a manufacturing plant for a whole year weighs only eighteen grams, its output cannot be described as large, but neither, when the eighteen grams sell for \$26,000, can it be called exactly small. This is the record for 1920 of the Standard Chemical Company of Pittsburgh, all the energies of which are devoted to the extracting of radium from the carnotite ore of Colorado.

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### Fear Grasshopper Plague

Saskatchewan is Ready to Cope With  
Trouble When It Comes.

An extensive outbreak of the grasshopper plague is feared by Saskatchewan's agricultural authorities this spring. But the province will not be caught napping. Already 70 tons of arsenic is now on the way from the east for the provincial department of agriculture, which is making preparations for the anti-grasshopper campaign.

The department plans to concentrate, in Regina, sufficient material to supply the whole province with poisoned bait. Practically the same form of organization for combating the insects as used last year will again be in vogue.

Tobacco is the most important article of export from Turkey to the United States.

**Figure It Out  
For Yourself**

Honest now! Could you get for 50¢, any other prescription which would give the same all-round service and satisfaction that a box of Zam-Buk does? Zam-Buk's a combination of powerful healing, herbs, extracts, soaps and oils that are the best. If there is any kind of soreness of the flesh, or diseased tissue or abnormal condition (such as inflammation, feverishness, cold, etc.) it almost always cures, soothes and止 bleeding. It is highly antiseptic—kills disease germs. It is suitable for the hardened skin of the worker or the sensitive skin of the child.

Zam-Buk is 100% pure herbal medicine. It contains no animal fat nor mineral impurity. It cannot go rancid.

"I have used Zam-Buk for seven years now," writes E. B. Andresen, of 1407, E. 23rd St., Minneapolis. "Was simply not good along with it. Whenever any of us got sick, my wife and I, having an accident, we promptly took Zam-Buk. It saves many a doctor's bill."

### Like a Man.

"I hope Mr. Hardup took his bankruptcy like a man!"

"Exactly like a man. He blamed the extravagance of his wife."—London Til-Bits.

### EXTREME MISERY DAY AND NIGHT

Follows a Breakdown of the Nervous  
System.

Misery day and night is the lot of hosts of men and women who are today the victims of weak nerves. Thin, pale, drawn faces and dejected attitudes are the signs of those whose weakness means being tortured by morbid thoughts and uncontrollable fits of depression. These sufferers are painfully sensitive and easily agitated by some chance remark. Skin and strength their eyes are sunken and their limbs tremble; appetite is poor and memory often fails. This nervous exhaustion is one of the most serious evils affecting men and women of all ages. The English Extract Oil will allay the inflammation and in consequence the cough will cease. Try it and you will be satisfied.

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I take the kink out of my yarn.

There are times when one wishes to ravel some knitted garment to use the yarn again. It is hard to knit such yarn with the kink still in it. Tie the yarn well in skeins and dip for a moment in boiling hot water, place on a cloth or hang up to dry. The yarn will be as straight and fresh and fluffy as new.

### Autos Hard on Roads

Suction of Rubber Tires Said to be  
Destructive.

Old Roman roads which had stood up under the wheel traffic of 2,000 years were demolished in ten years by the destructive suction of rubber tires. The road from Durham to London, more than two hundred miles long, was known as Watling street, ran to the Roman wall along the Cheviot Hills which kept out the invading Picts and Scots. Having a perfect foundation, the road was easily surfaced and maintained through all those centuries. But the motor car made necessary its complete re-construction. It was the same with the more famous Appian Way out of Rome.

Many a man who thinks his persuasive powers are sufficient to control the affairs of a nation wouldn't even make a good book agent.

### The Druggists All Agree That "Putnam's" Is Best

The oldest corn remover on the market is Putnam's Corn Extractor, and it is the best. Your corn will all drop out after a few treatments with this painless remedy. Failure impossible. Refuse a substitute for "Putnam's," 25¢ everywhere.

### B.C. Lumber Goes to Egypt.

One of the largest orders for manufactured lumber ever secured in British Columbia was closed recently when the Canadian Overseas Trading Co. signed up to supply an Alexandria firm which represents the government of Egypt with twenty-four million feet of railway ties. The first eight million feet, comprising two shiploads, will leave Vancouver in April, aboard Canadian government steamers.

**The Last Attack**—Attack may really be the last one if prompt measures are not taken to stop it. Kellogg's Lather Ready will stop it. It will penetrate to the smallest bronchial passage and bring about a healthy condition. Why not get this remedy to-day and commence its use? Inhaled as smoke or vapor it is equally effective.

### To Take the Kink Out of Yarn.

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### How Americans Trust Each Other

The Universal Feeling That the  
Other Fellow is Putting Some-  
thing Over.

How we Americans do love each other, says the Kansas City Star. You get into an ordinary conversation. All of us are convinced we are being robbed by somebody else. Our next door neighbor is a good fellow personally. But as a business man we know he is a scamp. The salaried man is suspicious of his employer. He knows who got his medicine for me, and I hope my experience may help some other sufferer."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are all dealers in medicine, or may be had by mail. \$0 cents a box of six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brooklyn, Ont.

### Tooe Late!

"I don't like these photos, at all," he said. "I look like an ape."

The photographer favored him with a glance of lofty disdain.

"You should have thought of that before you had them taken," was his reply as he turned back to work.—American News Trade Journal.

Ireland spends less per head in drink than any other part of the United Kingdom.

Egyptians made coffins of cork.

### Propose Daring Experiment

Aviators Willing to Make War Tests

The Real Thing.

United States army aviators have become so enthusiastic over the proposed experiment of bombing naval vessels under approximately war-time conditions that scores of them have suggested that the fleet be allowed to fire back at the planes with anti-aircraft guns.

White admirals and generals have been advancing and disputing claims that the airplane is far superior to the battleship as a war weapon, army pilots have flooded the office of the air service director with pleas that the matter be settled under honest to goodness war conditions.

A taste for mind one's own business is often hard to acquire.

Minard's Liniment for Dandruff

### USE SLOAN'S TO WARD OFF PAIN

You can just tell by its healthy stimulating odor, that it is going to do you good.

"I only had some Sloan's Liniment! Had only you and I said it! And then when the rheumatic twinge subsided—hours of suffering—you forgot it! Don't it again—get a bottle to day and keep it in your pocket. If you get a sudden attack may come—sciatica, lumbo, sore muscles, backache, stiff joints, neuralgia, the pains which comes running from the head. You'll find which and relief in Sloan's, the liniment that penetrates without rubbing. Clean, economic! Three sizes—35¢, 70¢, \$1.40 (Made in Canada)

**Sloan's Liniment** (Paint's enemy)

### Discover New Comet.

Discovery of a new comet by the observatory at Cape Town, South Africa, was announced in a cablegram received at the Harvard observatory. The comet is visible only through a telescope and for only a portion of the day, rising over the horizon two hours before sunrise. It is in the constellation of Capricornus.

### For Stiff Neck And Sore Throat

Immediate relief comes from rubbing Nervine over the chest and lower part of neck. Rubbing a cloth of raw linseed oil. Nervine reaches the congested parts at once, relieves tightness, takes out soreness. A bottle of Nervine in the home relieves a hundred ills, internal and external, for not much of a cent as a general household remedy. Large bottle 35¢ at all dealers.

### The Winner.

"We had a contest to decide the prettiest girl in our graduating class of 400."

"How did it turn out?"

"One girl got two votes."—Louisville Courier-Journal

### Minard's Liniment For Burns, Etc.

Wise is the man who knows what not to say and remembers not to say it.

**Hurt Disease Relieved In 30 Minutes.**  
Dr. Agnew's Remedy for Hurt Disease gives perfect relief in all cases of Organic or Inorganic Disease. It is a specific remedy for Palpitations, Shortness of Breath, Heart Disease, Pain in the Side, and all symptoms of a diseased heart. One dose convinces.

**Large Concern Incorporated.**  
The Prairie Cold Storage Company, recently incorporated in Western Canada at \$2,000,000, plans an outlay of \$1,000,000 in the construction of six buildings. The central plant will be located at Winnipeg, Manitoba, at a cost of \$400,000 and other plants will be located at Portage la Prairie, Brandon, Virden, Dauphin and at a point north of Winnipeg to take care of the fish catch from Lake Winnipeg.

The gallery of a theatre is called the "gods" because of the ceiling of old Drury Lane theatre in London used to be painted to represent a fleecy blushing sky with flying Cupids. And this picture of the gods extended right over the gallery.

### A Friend of the Family

Over fifty years ago a young physician practised widely in Pennsylvania and became famous for his uniform success in the curing of disease. This was Dr. R. V. Pierce, who afterwards established himself in Buffalo, N. Y., and placed one of his prescriptions, which he called "Golden Medical Discovery" in the drug stores in the United States and Canada, so that the public could easily obtain this remarkable tonic, corrective, and blood-maker. Dr. Pierce manufactured this "Discovery" from roots and barks without alcohol—a corrective remedy, the ingredients of which nature had put in the fields and forests for keeping us healthy. Introduce pure red blood into the system, and health is assured. When you feel run-down, out of sorts, blue and despondent, try the energizing influence of this reliable tonic. You can obtain Golden Medical Discovery in tablet or liquid form at all drug stores, or send 10¢ for a trial package to Dr. Pierce's Laboratory in Buffalo, N. Y.



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FRESH and CURED MEATS  
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Manager

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Our prices on building material have been reduced to a pre-war basis. Freight rates make the cost to the consumer a trifle higher than before the war.

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at the new prices. But to the prospective builder there is a saving of 40 percent over last year's prices.

**NOW IS THE TIME TO BUILD.**  
Call and get our prices on your requirements.

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**THE IMPERIAL LUMBER CO., LTD.**  
T. H. FLEMING, Manager.

### SPORT DOPE.

(By Buck)

On Saturday evening, April 23rd, to one of the largest audiences yet assembled in Irma, the Trail Rangers assisted by a number of grown-ups presented one of the most delightful and appreciated entertainments. All those taking part are to be heartily congratulated for the way in which they presented their individual roles. Heretofore it has been rather hard to locate talent for such an entertainment, not that Irma does not have such talent—but rather, it seemed that more or less of the young folks were afraid to undertake such an enterprise as this for fear of criticism. But it can truly be said that when they pull themselves together and put all else aside they can put on an entertainment worthy of the highest praise and also worthy of a much larger audience than can be crowded in the small space that is present is afforded them in Irma.

The first presentation of the evening's performance was a Walrus by the Trail Rangers led by Nelwyn Peterson and Alex Smallwood. The boys were all decked out in war paint and seemed to carry one back to the days when savages roamed our prairies and rent the air with their war cries.

Following this item came a recitation by Harry Lennon, entitled, "The Cowboy" which was a parody on old familiar poem, "Make Me a Child Again Just for Tonight."

Next the audience witnessed a boxing exhibition by two young Trail Rangers, Wayne Mitchell and Stewart Beattie. The boys fought two, one-minute rounds to a tie.

Item number four was a dialogue by Chas. Peterson Jr. and Earl Lennon in which they tried to portray the evils of smoking, but—?

Next on the programme came a vocal number by Miss T. Mahliot, entitled, "Hiawatha's Melody." This met with great approval and on her return Miss Mahliot sang, "Let the Rest of the World Go By."

A dialogue by Miss Georgia Fenlon and Earl Lennon, was the next number. This consisted of riddles and sundry other amusing features.

The seventh number was a wrestling exhibition in which Wendell Mitchell and Dan Matheson matched their strength. Both boys handled themselves well and for a while it seemed as if they would tie for honors. But said honors, fell upon Dan Matheson who from all appearances, had a little more size to his advantage than his challenger.

Following this, the audience were presented to a Black Face sketch by Darrel Peterson, Nelwyn Peterson and Wilbert Myers. This, as well as the foregoing number met with great approval.

Mr. Earl Prior, then gave an address on the "Boys' Parliament" in which he endeavored to outline the work that is taken up at each session and what is being done amongst the boys all over Canada to try and make the coming generation one of strong and upright men.

The Minstrel sketch which followed was of an excellent entertaining nature and afforded much amusement for the onlookers. Messrs. Love and Peterson being the cast, rendered a number of old time dark-songs between acts which they pulled off a few jokes of a number of our local citizens. During the vocal numbers, Messrs. Love and Peterson were assisted at the piano by Mrs. Chas. Peterson.

The last, but certainly not the least number on the programme, was a one-act play entitled "A Scratch Race." It seems that a maid of a certain household had attended a Masquerade Ball given the night before and there posed as her mistress. At this ball she had become engaged to two young men and had invited them to the house of her mistress the following evening. As requested, the two young gents turned out in evening dress and carrying a bouquet of flowers each. It seems that these two young fellows had made bet with each other, that before the month was out, they would be engaged—and you can imagine their surprise when they both turned up at the same house and find themselves to be, supposedly, engaged to the same girl. They have quite an argument, which affords much amusement for the audience. During this argument the mistress of the house enters with another fellow who she has just given her promise. The two other boys see that they are sold, but do not know how such a state of affairs could possibly come about. One of them suddenly remembers of having seen a scratch on the back of the girl's right hand and requests the mistress to allow him the privilege of looking at her hand—seeing no scratch he becomes convinced that someone has blundered—just at this moment of highest wonderment—the maid enters and shows her hand and alas—there is the fatal scratch—surely it was a Scratch Race.

Words cannot express the praise that is due the characters who took part in this latter sketch and it would be useless for me to say any more.

The Cast of Characters:

Frank Thorpe ..... E. H. Brown

Phil Mahliot ..... Ben Rankin..... E. L. Hodson (Teddie)

Florence Denning ..... Sadie Lennon

On the whole the programme was of the finest nature and it has been

of great interest to the people of Irma

and district have had the privilege of

spending such an enjoyable evening

together, and also witnessing a play

consisting wholly of local talent.

Our praise cannot be given to the teachers of the different schools for the excellent way in which they prepared their pupils for their parts in this excellent performance—also to those who were in any way connected with the preparing and staging of the event.

At last something has turned up in the way of sports in Fair Irma. A meeting of those interested in golf was held in J. W. Wyatt's office one day last week and eight members signed up. It is to be hoped that before the season is far advanced that the membership will have multiplied several times and that our ladies will be as much enthused as the gents.

Of all the sports known in the realm of sport golfing ranks second to none. It contains more thrills in one minute than any game outside of mirthful life. Dr. McGregor, Roy Whyte, J. B. E. Mahliot, Ross McFarland, Mr. Masson and Buck arose at the early hour of 6:45 A. M. Wednesday and accomplished the act of striking out the golf links and it can be said that the course cannot be equalled in many of the larger cities. So in a few days we may expect to be able to hit at or miss the little white ball on the "T" and if we hit the ball we can work up an excellent appetite, for whichever meal follows the game. Therefore sign up with the Irma Golf Club and become good healthy citizens.

As far as a base ball team is concerned it looks as if Irma was doomed. Unless Trotzki and the famous "Ford Marines" wake up and start something moving along that line. The tennis club is making good headway and it is hoped that it will be crowned with success.

Why not get our indoor base ball team working again. Surely it afford much pleasant pastime last year. Will the girls have a basket ball team this year? There are quite a number of young girls who would make a splendid team if they would only wake up and pull together.

Buck has "reformed" so don't be shocked.

It might be interesting to some who are not aware of the fact, to know that Virg. Anderson, (better known to us as "Andy") our star pitcher, has caught a place with one of the best teams in the city of Hamilton, Ont.

If Andy throws the dope as he did while pitching for Irma, we need not worry about him holding his post. Good Luck, Andy.

Don't forget to sign your name to the list of golf layers—you won't be sorry. Also the tennis club.

Too bad we can't hear of a familiar, "Two dollars on this man, Andy," one two, three out. Andy always got the money when he threw to win.

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It's easy to make friends these days. All you have to do is to stagger when you walk down the street.

Things that never happen: Wife to husband: "Stay out as late as you please, dear and have a good time. A married man is entitled to jump the fence once in a while."

An exchange says that the uglier a woman is the prettier the woman is that marries. That is probably the reason Viking has so many ugly men.

There is little difference between a widow and a widow, says a bachelor correspondent. One is to look out of the other he should look out for.

Now that women are equal to the men we suppose that many of the Viking girls will want to join the local baseball team. Most any of them probably would be willing to sign up if a fellow shows them a diamond.

Considerable interest was aroused among the married ladies here by the movie "It's Wife's Money." They were curious to see how she worked it to get the money out of him.

The man of Viking it seems are getting in the habit of using more refined talk. One came home late last Saturday evening and on his wife inquiring where he had been, he remarked casually, "Oh, I was just shopping." "Shopping?" she remarked incredulously. "I don't see that you brought anything home with you."

Lila McGuire "I mean barber shopping," he replied.

It looked much like spring last Sunday. The grass turning green made

one think that perhaps spring was here at last. And when we saw robins carrying twigs for a nest it looked almost certain that spring was here.

But when couples were strolling on the railroad track last Monday with their arms about each other than the innocent spectator could no longer doubt that spring had arrived.

One of the Bruce Social Club on being congratulated on the large turnout for their entertainment said "It was a fine crowd, but it was rather disturbing to have so many of them join in our singing." "What makes you think they sang?" he was asked. "Why I could see so many of them opening and shutting their mouths," he replied. "Guess you are not used to a Bruce audience," he was informed, "they were merely chewing gum."

May I print a kiss on your lips?" he said.

And she nodded her sweet permission. So when they went to press and we rati-

guees, They printed a full edition.

"One edition is hardly enough."

She said with a charming smile,

So again on the press the form he placed.

And they got some extras out.

The suffering of some of the old timers around here for just another snowfall has aroused our pity to such an extent that we are running the risk of getting tangled up with the law for publishing recipes for making liquor, so here is the latest method for making "Jackass brandy." Seven earspoons of barbed wire, ten pounds of chewing tobacco, one sack of turnips, one can of blasting powder, five gallons of slough water. Mix all together and cool for nine days and nights. Set on ice and cool while you dig your grave. Then take one drink and go for the hole. You will not need a covering. The jackass will cremate you.

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## Begin Work in June

Each federal district will be divided into sub-districts for the purpose of expediting the work by the enumerators.

By the varied and numerous questions asked the census will aim at as complete a compilation of all government statistical information as possible. It will seek the population of all urban districts, incorporated villages, and every rural township, each of which will be kept separately.

On the population schedule, some thirty-five questions will be asked including name and residence, tenure and class of home, personal description regarding sex, etc., nationality, citizenship, race, language and religion, education, profession and occupation.

In agricultural districts the farmer will have to reply to the following: Description of operation, tenure, acreage, values, expenses, crops, marketable orchard fruits, forest products, domestic animals, and poultry, stock, pure bred and otherwise, drainage and irrigation.

The head of the household will be the responsible person to answer the information sought but other members of the family providing they are of age, may do so.

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## BATT VALLEY NEWS.

This is the tractors busy season. Three of them are busy plowing up the valley at present. Their constant popping is heard from early morn till sundown; we wish the price of coal oil was down in proportion to feed oats.

To seed or not to seed, is the question of the moment. With grain prices as they are and prospects of one dollar wheat and 25 cent oats this fall it looks as if this would be a gold year to do plenty of summer fallowing. Lots of farmers here are still holding cars of grain for higher prices later on. This seems to be the case all over the western provinces.

It is the chief reason for oats being as cheap as they are and unless some lets go pretty soon they will be still cheaper, as Asquith says, "well and see."

What seeding is nearly done in the Valley. C. M. Lindberg finished 30 acres over a week ago.

Leslie Moore is having a well put down on his farm.

Mrs. J. B. Manners of Bawlf is visiting her mother Mrs. Marshall at present.

We understand that Mr. T. A. Lindberg is to take cream for the Edmonton City Dairy at Jarrow.

Hugh McGuire has leased Albert Hughes' homestead. Hugh is hatching there during seedling time while putting in his own quarter.

Mr. Maxwell's leaving for Ontario soon, having sold his bunch of good milk cows.

## SCHOOL ACT AMENDED.

The School Act was amended at the last session of the legislature to allow of consolidated high schools.

This allows several districts to organize and operate a high school for all pupils over grade seven and they still operate the rural schools. The pupils must find their own conveyance to school and the School Grant Ordinance makes a grant of about

\$700.00 to \$800.00 towards the teacher's salary.

The procedure to establish the school is about the same as for a consolidated school district and as this is what the Irma Community needs is a high school, everyone interested should do what they can to get the district established and the school District builds a new building.

The car owner who carries a spare tire—and a great many of them do—unprotected on the car is apting up trouble for himself. Even if no more serious accident happens, dust collects on the inside of the spare casing and is turned to mud by the first shower. Thus when the casing is called into service the inner tube will be rubbed against the hard deposit of mud, with chafing and a speedy blow as the result. Cases for the spare tire cost little, and they should always be used to protect and preserve the spare tire for its day of service.

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IMPERIAL OIL CO. APPEALS  
AGAINST SCHOOL TAXES

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CHURCH NOTICES.  
Sunday Services.

Sunday, May 1st.

11 a.m. Preaching at Strawberry Plain 1 p.m. Preaching at Sunny Brae

3:30 p.m. Preaching at Roseberry

7:30 p.m. Preaching at Irma

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## Love of The Wild

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(Continued)  
Gloss stood in the doorway between the two rooms listening to the conversation of the men. Beside her was Daff Daye, his hand in hers. The girl's face was pale and she looked as though she had not been resting well. Her great eyes were fastened on Boy's face, and once he glanced at her, he turned his eyes down again. She passed across the room now, and over to him. The men were laying their plans of picketing along the trail. Boy looked up and smiled. Davie squatted in his old attitude behind him.

"Boy," said the girl softly, "won't you promise me what I've asked—won't you?" she pleaded, bending over him.

Her breath fanned his cheek and the red blood leaped in his veins. She brushed back his tangled curls with an old-time care.

"It seems just as though we was little boy and girl again," she whispered, "and you always promised me what I asked you."

"I can't promise you—," he hesitated. "Glossie," he said tenderly, "won't you please not ask it? I don't want to make a promise I can't keep, and you know what I intend to do."

"And if you do it," she gasped, "oh, Boy, if you do, I can't—we can't."

She turned her head away and he saw a shudder run through her frame. He reached out and drew the girl close to him.

"You've got to finish," he said.

"What can't we do, Gloss?"

"I don't know," she answered wearily.

She was looking past him and the despair in her eyes cut his soul.

"Girl," he whispered, "I'll promise you not to kill Simpson. Course I'll never do it, but I'll promise you why you want my promise. I didn't know before; I only suspected and dreaded. If he was a good man now," he smiled, "why I'd be right down glad for your sake. But I won't be here, Gloss, not even if he tries to shoot me."

She stooped and looked into his face.

"Boy," she said softly, "thanks for the promise, but it's you I love—not him."

Then she ran from the room.

Boy arose. In the heart a song was ringing that set the whole world—his world—aglow with joy. Paisley came over and touched him the shoulder.

"I've asked you somethin' three times," he said. "It's comin' mornin' in, and the rain is done. The scouts are goin' out along the trail. I want to know who is to stay here with you and Mac while the rest of us are toin' up what we'll maybe need for a siege."

"I guess we don't need anybody here," said Boy.

He walked absentmindedly about the room and, coming back, put his hands on Paisley's shoulders.

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(Signed) Mrs. J. C. Langley, 1332 Grandview, Verdun, Que., August 11, 1916.

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"Bill," he pleaded, "I want it go with the scouts."

Paisley shook his head decisively. "I can't go, that's all," he said firmly, "you promise that I won't hurt Simpson, won't that let me go?"

"Not anybody else?"

"Not anybody else."

"Well, I guess that will let me go," chuckled Bill. "I guess it will. Fact is, you're the one ought to go. You're worth all the others put together. Hey, you! Hey, you! You'll come back here. He's goin' along in your place. Your kickin' like everything on your goin', so you stay here."

Boy stepped forward and looked into the other room. On the floor here and there, on furs, lay chubby-faced babies, sleeping sweetly, and on fur shake-downs close beside them were the mothers of Bushwhackers. Plans of olden days in the retreat, before troubles came to cloud its tranquil skies. He tip-toed across the room and stood beside two sleepers in the dark. He took the hand of the girl who had let happiness into his heart. He removed his cap and kneeling, kissed the mother's cheek tenderly, then reverently he touched the girl's brow with his lips and said, "Good night."

And through the faint light a pair of wide-open eyes, mellow with God's earthly happiness, followed him. Boy found his waiting companions outside, and, slapping Declie's narrow shoulders, led them down the path toward the creek.

Through his rifle forward, Boy was quick to divine his motive and just as quick to act. His own rifle was leveled and one second before Broadcrook's rifle cracked, Boy's bullet struck the barrel of the other gun and the bullet's murderer's bullet was singing into the bush on the right.

The shock struck Broadcrook upon his face, and before he could regain his feet, Boy was upon him. In the giant strove to shake off that sinewy form, to bring him to his feet, to bring him to his feet. Boy clung to him and held him. He heard Hallibut give a cry of surprise and a moment later Amos was pinned to the mud. The big man held a pistol at Broadcrook's head and Boy's, and unbuttoned one of the strait-straps. In another minute Amos was fast bound. Then Colton Hallibut, holding Boy, was running along the trail. His life was very uncertain about here," he tried. "I understand that animal tried to shoot me, but can't understand why you didn't let him. Suppose you explain?" He freed out of Boy and his pistol.

"I understand you Bushwhackers made a threat to shoot me on sight. Why didn't you let him do it?"

Boy's eyes gleamed dangerously. "I don't know," he said. "Do you know any good reason to talk like that?" he asked. "I guess if we did shoot you on sight it's about what you deserve. You tried to steal our little Gloss, you and your gang. And you tried to burn down our schoolhouse, through the fog, you know, torturing, seeming to bind as though you planned the creek to carry it away from the place from which it was estranged."

"The Colonels' eyes opened in surprise. "What are you talking about? It's bear us?" quivered Declie. "It's some sort, isn't enough," Boy answered.

"We'll drag the canoes across. This is to be gone by night," he said. Quickly the men armed the boats and with two men to a boat they passed across the creek, carefully keeping to the white ice. Once a man broke through, and one of the others, by a quick movement, caught him and pulled him back. The ice was thin, and a "now all together" they headed the boats on Tatterside and sought the soft-wood where the Triple Elm trail lay.

On the trail the men moved speaking little, for each was occupied with his own thoughts. To one and all the opening of spring had come as a blessing after the shackles of a long harsh winter. They had felt its spirit in their steps, seen it in their hearts, in spite of apprehension, were glad. Three miles along the trail, the boy strolled his first picket. "You'd better stay here," he said to Amos. "I don't know what you're crazy," groaned Hallibut. "I tell you if any boy tried to steal the girl, I don't know anything about it."

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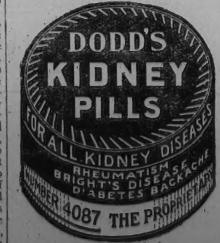
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## Sunflowers Increase Profits of Dairies

Reports Tend to Indicate that New Fodder Destined to Become a Standard Crop.

Now that winter feeding of stock is almost finished, reports on the results of sunflower feed are coming in from many sources, and all tend to indicate that this new fodder is destined to become a standard crop in the western provinces. It seems that practically everybody who has experimented with a few acres of sunflowers is going to at least double the acreage this year and silos will be springing up in every district throughout the west.

A typical example of what this silage means to the dairy farmer is given by Bert Tiffin, of Lebridge, Alberta. For the purpose of comparison it may be mentioned that in December, January and February, 1919, his cows produced milk to the value of \$1,128.93.

Last year Mr. Tiffin planted five acres to sunflowers and from the same number of cows he got milk that brought him \$1,648.04, an increase of \$519.11. His silo cost less than \$500. Previously he needed all his quarter section to supply feed to his herd but his sunflower yield was so large that he has been able to spare fifty tons of alfalfa, worth about \$700, for the market, so that even with the expenses of his silo will have a net cash surplus of more than \$700. Adding in the value of his silo he has found that the sunflower fodder has meant more than \$1,200 increased revenue to him.

W. P. Huff, a sunflower enthusiast who is in the dairy business fairly extensively near Edmonton, recently had an opportunity of testing the feeding value of sunflower ensilage over green feed and hay for dairy cattle. Last fall he put up somewhat over two hundred tons of sunflowers but this was all fed up before the first of the year. Some of the ensilage round the walls of the silo froze, and as it was more or less difficult to get it out it was left until the weather became warmer.

Later the weather became mild and caused the ensilage that was frozen to the walls to thaw out and fall to the floor of the silo. There was enough ensilage to feed the herd of over seventy head of cows for a week. During that period the milk flow was not less than a quart per cow per day from two to two and a half pounds, which for the seventy cows amounted to a considerable gain.

Platinum Deposits

Production of Platinum to Develop Into an Important Industry in British Columbia.

The production of platinum is to develop into an important industry in British Columbia, investigations conducted over a number of years having disclosed that the Fraser River and adjacent territory constitute one of the principal platinum deposits of the world. A plant is being erected and it is expected reduction work will commence in the spring. It is believed that for 250 miles along the Fraser and 150 miles on tributaries 75 per cent of the black sand deposits can be dredged and concentrated to the extent of from 8 to 40 pounds per cubic yard of dirt obtained.

"You burned your own schooner," cried Boy, and Watson and Simpson groaned rough and ready, it was because they deserved it.

"What had Simpson to do with this affair you speak of?" asked Hallibut. "He was there with you and Watson and the men you had to steal Gloss, said Boy, his mouth twisted.

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